

REMARKS

The Election/Restriction Requirement of June 16, 2009 has been reviewed and the comments therein were carefully considered. Claims 30-65 are pending in this application.

Election/Restriction

In the Office Action, claims 30-65 were deemed subject to a restriction and/or election requirement. More specifically, an election is required between the following:

Group I: Claims 30-47 and 52-62, drawn to a method of decoration the walls of cylindrical containers by a transfer film.

Group II: Claims 48-51 and 63-65, drawn to a device of decorating the walls of cylindrical containers.

By this response, the Applicants, without prejudice or admission, provisionally elects to proceed with examination of the invention of group I (claims 30-47 and 52-62). The election is made **with traverse**.

The Restriction Requirement stated on page 2 that “[t]he apparatus, as claimed, does not allow for running a transfer film bearing strip into a gap between an impression roll and a mandrel covered with a container at a linear velocity equal to the tangential velocities of the roll and container.”

By this response, independent claim 48 has been amended to specify the “area for depositing or marking a decoration on the cylindrical wall of the bodies including a gap between at least one impression roll and the mandrels fitted with the cylindrical bodies to allow for running the transfer film bearing strip between the at least one impression roll and the mandrels fitted with the cylindrical bodies at a linear velocity equal to the tangential velocities of the impression roll and the mandrels fitted with the cylindrical bodies.”

This amendment is supported at least by paragraphs [36] and [38] of the specification as originally filed. For example, paragraph [36] recites, in part, that the device includes “mandrels being driven by rotation means, typically servomotors, that make it possible to pass from zero

